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FLORENCE, SC DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO ISSUING FRAUDULENT COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES

Columbia, South Carolina -- United States Attorney Bill Nettles announced today that Brenda Poston, 40, of Florence, South Carolina, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging her with issuing fraudulent commercial drivers licenses and obtaining a fraudulent social security number for a drivers license, violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The maximum penalty for the offense is a fine of \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for five years, a term of supervised release of not more than three years to be served after the term of incarceration is completed, and a special assessment of \$100.00.

As part of her guilty plea, Ms. Poston admitted to falsely entering information into the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) database indicating

that a certain individual had passed the written knowledge test and the driving skills test when in truth and fact that individual had not taken either test. Instead, Poston had waived the requirements in the SCDMV software that he take the tests. Both a written test and a driving skills test must be passed before an individual can obtain a CDL.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Office of Internal Affairs and the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Jendron of the Columbia office prosecuted the case.

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